

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 8 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 1 to 7 and 10 to 18 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~group bulk purchase system comprising at least one~~ bulk purchase group management server ~~[[and]]~~ connectable with at least one terminal ~~connected with each other~~ through a network,

~~wherein said bulk purchase group management server, comprising:~~

receiving means for ~~when~~ receiving, from said terminal~~[[,]]~~ operated by a purchaser, a request for a group bulk purchase indicating ~~purchase conditions at least including a name and a number of a product~~~~[[s]]~~ to be purchased;~~[[,]]~~

notifying means for notifying ~~notifies~~ said terminal of ~~given an~~ ID uniquely corresponding to said group bulk purchase;~~[[,]]~~

~~makes~~ storage means for storing ~~store~~ a purchase state corresponding to said ~~group bulk purchase, ID;~~

update means for updating ~~updates~~ said purchase state stored in said storage means when a purchase of the product ~~designated~~ indicated in said group bulk purchase is performed using said ~~given~~ ID by another purchaser; ~~[[,]]~~ and

control means for giving ~~gives~~ a special favor to the purchasers on the basis of the purchase state stored in said storage means.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~ server according to claim 1, wherein said special favor is a discount of the purchase price of the product ~~designated~~ indicated in said group bulk purchase.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~ server according to claim 1, wherein said special favor is given to each member of said group bulk purchase who purchased said product using said ID.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~ server according to claim 1, wherein said ~~bulk purchase group management server~~ control means gives said special favor to the purchasers after the group bulk purchase received is completed.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~ server according to claim 1, wherein said ~~purchase conditions include~~ notifying means notifies said terminal of a purchase period of said product with said ID.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~ server according to claim 1, wherein said ~~purchase conditions include~~ request includes a payment method for said group bulk purchase, and

said ~~bulk purchase group management server~~ control means performs payment or reception of money by a method designated by said payment method upon at least one of cases of selling said product and of giving said special favor.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~system server~~ according to claim 1, wherein said ~~purchase conditions include~~ request includes a payment method for the purchasers ~~each member of said group bulk purchase~~, and

~~said bulk purchase group management server~~ control means performs payment or reception of money between it and each purchaser member by a method designated by said payment method upon at least one of cases of selling said product and of giving said special favor.

8. to 9. (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A terminal connected through a network with a bulk purchase group management server ~~that, when,~~ wherein the network with a bulk purchase group management server comprises:

receiving means for receiving a request for a group bulk purchase from said terminal operated by a purchaser,

~~notifies~~ notifying means for notifying said terminal of ~~given~~ an ID uniquely corresponding to said group bulk purchase,

~~makes storage means~~ store the for storing a purchase state corresponding to said ~~group bulk purchase~~ ID,

~~updates~~ update means for updating said purchase state stored in said storage means when a purchase of ~~[[the]]~~ a product ~~designated~~ indicated in said group bulk purchase is performed using said given ID by another purchaser;[[,]] and

~~gives control means for~~ giving a special favor to the purchaser on the basis of the purchase state stored in said storage means,

wherein said terminal is used for, ~~when making a request for~~ in case a group bulk purchase is requested to said bulk purchase group management server, notifying said bulk purchase group management server of the request for the group bulk purchase including purchase conditions including at least the name and the number of products to be purchased.

11. (Currently Amended) A group bulk purchase method comprising the steps of:

~~opening, to public, the contents of a group bulk purchase in relation to products to be sold;~~

~~making a request for said group bulk purchase opened;~~

~~purchasing said products corresponding to said group bulk purchase; and~~

~~managing a purchase state of said group bulk purchase on the basis of the purchase of said products, and giving a special favor to each member of said group bulk purchase in accordance with said purchase state;~~

receiving a request for the group bulk purchase from a terminal having an ID in case a request for said group bulk purchase indicating a product to be purchased is made;

notifying the terminal having the ID uniquely corresponding to said group bulk purchase in case the request for said group bulk purchase is received;

storing a purchase state corresponding to the ID;

updating said purchase state stored in said step of storing a purchase state in case a purchase of the product indicated in said group bulk purchase is performed using the ID by a purchaser; and

giving a special favor to the purchaser on the basis of the purchase state stored in said step of storing a purchase state.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~special favor giving~~ program for ~~giving~~ executing a process for a special favor to each member of a group bulk purchase, the process comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for the group bulk purchase ~~input when making the~~ from a terminal having an ID in case a request for said group bulk purchase and indicating purchase conditions at least including a name and a number of products a product to be purchased is made;

notifying ~~given~~ the terminal having the ID uniquely corresponding to said group bulk purchase ~~when in case receiving~~ the request for said group bulk purchase is received;

~~making storage means store~~ storing ~~[[the]]~~ a purchase state corresponding to ~~said group bulk purchase the ID;~~

updating said purchase state stored in ~~said storage means when~~ said step of storing a purchase state in case a purchase of the product ~~designated~~ indicated in said group bulk purchase is performed using ~~said given the~~ ID by a purchaser; and

giving ~~[[the]]~~ a special favor to the purchaser on the basis of the purchase state stored in said step of storing storage a purchase state means.

13. (Currently Amended) A recording medium ~~recording thereon~~ storing a special favor giving program for executing a process for giving a special favor in a group bulk purchase, the process comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for the group bulk purchase ~~input when making the~~ from a terminal having an ID in case a request for said group bulk purchase ~~[[and]]~~ indicating ~~purchase conditions at least including a name and a number of products~~ a product to be purchased is made;

notifying ~~given the terminal having the~~ ID uniquely corresponding to said group bulk purchase ~~when in case receiving the request for said group bulk purchase is~~ received;

~~making storage means store~~ storing a purchase state corresponding to said ~~group bulk purchase; the ID~~;

updating said purchase state stored in ~~said storage means when~~ said step of storing a purchase state in case a purchase of the product designated indicated in said group bulk purchase is performed using ~~said given the ID by a purchaser~~; and

giving ~~[[the]]~~ a special favor to the purchaser on the basis of the purchase state stored in ~~said storage means~~ said step of storing a purchase state.

14. A selling system comprising:

~~means for opening the definition of a group bulk purchase to public~~;

~~means for receiving a request from said group bulk purchase~~;

~~means for receiving an order from each member of said group bulk purchase~~; and

~~means for calculating a special favor in accordance with the definition of said group bulk purchase and a state of said order,~~

~~wherein the special favor calculated by said means for calculating the special favor is given to each member when the order from the last member of said group bulk purchase has completed, or when a purchase period has elapsed~~

receiving means for receiving a request for a group bulk purchase from a terminal having an ID in case a request for said group bulk purchase indicating a product to be purchased is made;

notifying means for notifying the terminal having the ID uniquely corresponding to said group bulk purchase in case the request for said group bulk purchase is received;

storage means for storing a purchase state corresponding to the ID;

update means for updating said purchase state stored in said storage means when a purchase of the product indicated in said group bulk purchase is performed using the ID by a purchaser; and

control means for giving a special favor to the purchaser on the basis of the purchase state stored in said storage means.

15. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14, wherein said receiving means for receiving the request of said group bulk purchase receives information capable of identifying a purchase period, the number of products to be purchased, and all purchasers when receiving the request of said group bulk purchase.

16. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14, further comprising a data base for storing group bulk purchase information received through said receiving means for receiving ~~an order~~ the request.

17. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14, wherein said system comprises means for calculating the special favor which generates a purchase condition management table made up from information for identifying a purchaser, a purchase period, and a purchase date.

18. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 17, wherein said control means for receiving ~~an order~~ a request updates said purchase condition management table ~~at the time when~~ in case the order of ~~[[an]]~~ a purchaser is completed.